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Richards' Gardens

"ONE OF COLORADO'S FOREMOST NURSERIES"

Autumn Planting List



for **1945**

Located at the end of West Mountain Avenue
FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

P. O. Box 363

1945 Chrysanthemums *for* Garden Visitors

Make your selections today while the blossoms are before you. Some varieties will not be available next Spring.

These large clumps in full bloom can be moved to your own garden right now, needing only to be set in place and watered to give you gorgeous color from now till freezeup. Then they will give you 5 to 15 plants each next Spring. Richards' field clumps are your best, most economical "buy" in chrysanthemums, whether purchased in bloom or next Spring.

Spring plants are delivered in Vita-Band's, with twice as much soil as in the usual clay pot—husky, outdoor-grown, transplanted plants in bands literally crammed with roots to insure a quick start and husky growth in your garden. All plants will bloom the first year. Ready about May 25th.

TO OUR WYOMING FRIENDS: Varieties marked * are extra-early, super-hardy varieties that most years will bloom before frost in elevations up to 8,000 feet.

KEY LETTERS IDENTIFYING CHRYSANTHEMUMS

First letter following variety name indicates height of plant. Second letter indicates shape and form of blossom.

HEIGHT: S—short. M—medium. T—tall.

FORM OF FLOWER: D—decorative; P—pompon or button; L—large incurved or aster type, fully double; S—single.

Introducing—

Early-Flowering Giant English Chrysanthemums

An entirely new race of 'mums, some of which are destined to become the most important flowers of Autumn. 1945 marks the third year some have bloomed at RICHARDS'; others are blooming here for the first time. The following varieties only are for sale now; varieties not listed are withheld for propagation and further trial. We reserve the right to discontinue sales of any variety when stock is depleted below a minimum necessary for propagation.

| VARIETY NAME | field clumps | Spring plants | VARIETY NAME | field clumps | Spring plants |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Alabaster | \$2.50 | \$.75 | Mary Sutherland | \$2.50 | \$.75 |
| Betty Ferguson | | .75 | Mrs. Pattie | 2.50 | .75 |
| Bronze Freda | | .75 | Mrs. Smeardon | 2.50 | .75 |
| Conqueror | 2.50 | .75 | Orange Glow | 2.50 | .75 |
| Golden Emperor | 2.50 | .75 | Pink Freda | | .75 |
| Gold Mine | 2.50 | .75 | Red Invader | 2.50 | .75 |
| Gold Standard | 2.50 | .75 | Reveller | 2.50 | .75 |
| Leda | 2.50 | .75 | Salmon Freda | 2.50 | .75 |
| Mayland Bronze | 2.50 | .75 | Trixie | 2.50 | .75 |

Tested and Proven—

Early-Flowering Hardy Garden Chrysanthemums

| VARIETY NAME | field clumps | Spring plants | VARIETY NAME | field clumps | Spring plants |
|--|-----------------|------------------|---|-----------------|------------------|
| *Pink Cushion, SD, pink ---- | \$.95 | \$.35 | Lavender Lady, TL, lavender | .95 | .35 |
| *Bronze Cushion, SD, bronze_ | .95 | .35 | Lavender Lassie, SP, lavender | .95 | .35 |
| Golden Cushion, SD, deep gold | .95 | .35 | Mrs. P. S. DuPont, TL, peach | .95 | .35 |
| *Yellow Cushion, SD, light yellow ----- | .95 | .35 | Orange Wonder, TS, orange_ | .95 | .35 |
| *White Cushion, SD, white -- | .95 | .35 | *Pohatcong, TD, pink ----- | .95 | .35 |
| *Algonquin, TD, deep yellow _ | .95 | .35 | *Pygmy Pink, SD, pink ----- | .95 | .35 |
| *Ann Miller, MD, red ----- | .95 | .35 | Rosika, TL, pink, gold blend_ | 1.25 | .50 |
| *Avalanche, TL, white ----- | 1.50 | .65 | R. M. Hatton, MP, yellow---- | .95 | .35 |
| *Chippewa, ML, aster-purple _ | 1.50 | .65 | *Sandra, SD, bronze ----- | | .50 |
| *Crimson Glory, TL, red ---- | .95 | .35 | *September Bronze, SP, dark bronze ----- | .95 | .35 |
| *Dahlia, SD, purple ----- | .95 | .35 | *September Dawn, TL, pink _ | 1.25 | .50 |
| *Early Bronze, MP, bronze -- | .95 | .35 | Sequoia, TD, amber-bronze _ | .95 | .35 |
| *Edgar A. Guest, TL, red ---- | .95 | .35 | *Sonja, SD, aster-purple ---- | .95 | .35 |
| Elkton, TP, creamy pink --- | .95 | .35 | *Sunny Boy, MP, yellow ---- | .95 | .35 |
| *Eugene A. Wander, ML, yellow ----- | 1.50 | .65 | Tasiva, SL, white ----- | .95 | .35 |
| Ganna, TL, deep mauve ---- | .95 | .35 | *Teton, MS, white ----- | .95 | .35 |
| Hestia, TS, pink ----- | .95 | .35 | The Moor, TL, wine red ---- | 1.50 | .65 |
| Jean Treadway, TL, pink -- | .95 | .35 | Golden Spoon, yellow ----- | 1.10 | .40 |
| Judith Anderson, MP, yellow | .95 | .35 | Jasper Spoon, bronze ----- | 1.10 | .40 |
| | | | *Orchid Spoon, lavender ---- | 1.10 | .40 |

Hardy Asters

| VARIETY NAME | field clumps | Spring plants | VARIETY NAME | field clumps | Spring plants |
|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| *Nancy, dwarf pink ----- | .95 | .35 | Beechwood Challenger, red _ | 2.50 | .75 |
| *Niobe, dwarf white ----- | .95 | .35 | *Beechwood Charm, pink ---- | 2.50 | .75 |
| *Victor, dwarf blue ----- | .95 | .35 | *Blue Bouquet, blue ----- | .95 | .35 |
| *Adorable, pink ----- | 2.50 | .75 | *Violetta, deep purple ----- | 1.50 | .65 |

We Sell Cut Flowers

... at \$1.50 per standard commercial bunch. Please do not ask us to sell less than one bunch, or to break bunches.

Peonies

Prices are for standard 3 to 5-eye roots, delivery late September and October.

Officinalis rubra, rich deep crimson, early blooming, the "Memorial Day peony." The early red "piney" of grandmother's garden ----- \$1.50

Baroness Schroeder, pale flesh white tinted cream, outer petals frequently shaded pale pink. Large blooms on tall, strong stems ----- \$1.25

Charles Verdier, late, deep pink; free-flowering, long stems, sweet fragrance and general good habits make it excellent for the garden or for cutflowers ---\$1.00

Edulis Superba, very early, old rose pink with collar of lighter colored narrow petals. Tall, extremely floriferous --- \$1.00

Felix Crousse, brilliant crimson-red of even tone and silky texture, late mid-season ----- \$1.25

Festiva Maxima, early, very large white prominent crimson flecks on a few central petals ----- \$1.00

Jubilee, midseason; an enormous lacy, rather flat, fluffy bloom; white with occasional pinkish flush ----- \$1.50

Karl Rosenfield, very bright crimson; outer petals large and waved, central petals incurved and notched ----- \$1.25

Le Cygne, white tinged ivory. Broad, overlapping petals and compact habit of growth make this variety nearly a perfect peony when it comes right. Late ----- \$2.50

Mary Brand, dark, clear crimson with a brilliant sheen ----- \$1.25

Mikado, waved, cupped guard petals of dark, dull crimson surround a central group of thick, dark rose red staminodes edged throughout their length and tipped with buff yellow ----- \$1.25

Mons. Jules Elie, immense light rose pink; center incurved and frosted with a light silvery pink ----- \$1.00

Philippe Rivoire, latest to bloom and darkest of all reds; very deep crimson with blackish sheen. Not as large as some others but fully double with symmetrically incurved center and very sweetly scented ----- \$2.50

Reine Hortense, immense rose pink with crisp, fluffy petals of translucent texture, notched and silvered at the tips and occasionally flecked with crimson at the center ----- \$1.25

Sarah Bernhardt, dark rose pink edged a trifle lighter. Huge size, stout stems; considered one of the best exhibition peonies ----- \$1.25

Tourangelle, not the largest but to the "color-conscious" the most beautiful of all peonies. Pale cream-white with a tan suffusion in its depth, toning to flesh pink in the center. Needs support in the garden but when half-opened buds are cut and brought indoors the coloring is beautiful beyond description. Very sweetly scented ----- \$1.50

Peonies labeled to color. Red, white or pink, 3 to 5-eye top-quality roots from the above list but labeled to color only. Three plants (minimum order under this offer) for \$3.00. Larger quantities \$1.00 each.

Hardy Perennial Plants

- ASTER, frikarti, Wonder of Stafa --- .85
blooming specimens in Cloverset pots.
- BABYSBREATH, Bristol Fairy ----- .75
everblooming large-flowered variety.
- BLEEDINGHEART. The old - fashioned
but ever-new garden favorite. One of the
earliest-to-bloom hardy plants, especially
valuable for border planting and planting
in the shade ----- .75
- COLUMBINE, Rocky Mountain blue -- .35

DAYLILIES

Flowers are large size, much re-
sembling true lilies; borne on slender,
reed-like stems rising from clumps of
gracefully arching, grassy foliage. Each
stem carries numerous buds; each variety
blooms over a period of three to five
weeks.

They thrive in any soil, asking only
a spot in the sun (but will do well in
light shade, too). They are absolutely
hardy, they are not pestered by insects,
disease among them is unknown—sure to
bloom, ALWAYS a success.

the best hybrids—

- Hyperion, best midsummer yellow --\$.75
- Mildred, broad-petaled deep orange - .75
- Mikado, light orange, red eye-band - .50
- Ophir, tall, deepest gold trumpet --- .50
- Rajah, deep orange, garnet band --- 1.00
- Soudan, full lily type, ruffled petals - 1.00
- Sunny West, largest, latest yellow -- 1.00
- Vesta, deep orange, dwarf plant ---- .50
- Wau-Bun, folded, “swirling” petals - 1.00

old favorite species—

- Amur (H. middendorffi) ----- .35
- Lemon (H. flava) ----- .35
- Tawny (H. fulva) ----- .35
- Double (H. kwanso) ----- .35

- DELPHINIUMS ----- sold out
- DIANTHUS plumarius, Clove pinks-- .35
- DIANTHUS barbatus, Newport Pink .35

BEARDLESS IRIS

- Emperor, tall purple ----- \$.35
- Missouriensis, dwarf early blue ---- .35
- Orientalis, dwarf purple ----- .35
- Perry's Blue, tall indigo-blue ----- .35
- Shelford Giant, white and gold ---- .75
- Snow Queen, snowy white ----- .35
- LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY, pips, doz. - 1.00
- PRIMROSE, Polyanthus hybrids --- .75
- PAINTED DAISY, double red ----- .75
- PAINTED DAISY, double pink ---- .50
- PAINTED DAISY,
single varieties ----- sold out
- TRITOMA Pfitzeri ----- .75
blooming specimens in Cloverset pots

WILDFLOWERS

Recommended for experienced garden-
ers. We definitely do not assume any re-
sponsibility whatever for their growth.

Six plants of any one species will be
supplied for the price of five.

- Timberline Columbine
(A. saximontana) ----- \$.50
very dwarf short spurred deep blue
- Birdsfoot Violet (V. pedata) ----- .50
- Virginia Bluebell (M. virginica) --- .50
- Yellow Ladyslipper (C. pubescens) - .75
- Pink Ladyslipper (C. acaule) ----- .75
- Showy Ladyslipper (C. reginae) ----- .75
- Shootingstar (Dodecatheon meadia) _ .50
- Wakerobin (Trillium grandiflora) -- .50

HARDY FERNS

- Lady ----- 50c, 10 for \$4.00
- Cinnamon ----- 50c, 10 for 4.00
- Maidenhair ----- 50c, 10 for 4.00
- Ostrich ----- 50c, 10 for 4.00

PEAT MOSS

For ferns, wildflowers, \$4.85 bale

FERTILIZERS

- Vigoro, 100 lbs. \$4.00. 50 lbs. \$2.50.
- Steamed Bonemeal, 25 lbs. \$2.75.
- Stable Manure, 2-yd. load \$4.00.
- Ammonium Sulphate, Ammoniated Super-
phosphate, Muriate of Potash all at same
price as last Spring.

Lilies

CONCOLOR. Upright and wide open, deeper scarlet than tenuifolium and with broader, slightly hairy leaves and stem. Flowering size (bulbs that bloomed in the nursery this summer) 40c. Largest size bulbs 65c.

HENRYI. Sturdy 5 to 8-foot stalks carry 10 to 20 large recurved blooms, in August, of orange-chrome with emerald-green hearts and many small horn-like papillae. Holds its color best in partial shade. Blooming size (4 ins. up) 35c. Large (6 ins. up) 50c. Jumbo (8 ins. up) 75c.

MAXWILL. Canadian hybrid, Willmottiae and Maximowiczii, with the lovely habit of the former and the stiff, sturdy stem of the latter. Blooms in late July, plant 6 to 7 feet high, recurved bright orange-red flowers. Imported bulbs -----\$1.00

REGALE. Slender, arching stems 3 to 5 feet tall carry many long, narrow leaves and are crowned with 6 to 15 (sometimes 40!) huge trumpet shaped blooms in early July. Color white, canary yellow deep in the throat, varying tones of pink and rose shading the outside. Blooming size bulbs (4 ins. up) 25c. Large bulbs 6 ins. up) 40c. Jumbo (8 ins. up) 65c.

SCOTTIAE. Another outstanding hybrid raised by F. L. Skinner. It has glossy dark green foliage; the flowers are bright orange color and face outward from a sturdy stem 2 to 3 feet tall. The glossy foliage together with the waxy texture of the wide open flowers gives the whole plant a vital glistening appearance in the sunlight. Imported bulbs ----- \$1.00

TENUIFOLIUM (Coral lily). Stems clothed with grassy foliage carry the first lilies of the year, opening in early June. Each stalk carries 15 to 25 (sometimes over 50) 2-inch recurved blooms of sparkling scarlet color and waxy texture. This species shows best when planted in masses; we recommend not less than a half dozen bulbs in a group, more are still better. Large bulbs (2 ins. up) 6 for \$1.00; 12 for \$1.75; 100 for \$12.00. Jumbo (3 ins. up) 6 for \$1.50; 12 for \$2.75; 100 for \$19.00.

Special offering of blooming size bulbs (1 to 2 ins.) at wholesale prices: 25 bulbs for \$2.00; 100 for \$7.00. Minimum order must be 25 bulbs.

TIGRINUM. Old-fashioned tiger lily; unequalled for high, barbaric color in late July and early August. Blooming size (3 ins. up) 20c; Large (5 ins. up) 35c.

UMBELLATUM. Red-orange upright-facing blooms on plants of comparatively dwarf stature in late June. Blooming size (3 ins. up) 20c. Large (5 ins. up) 40c.

WILLMOTTIAE. Tall, vigorous; many recurved blooms on gracefully arching stems, pinkish orange with purple spots. Blooming season is late July, closely following Regale and preceding Tigrinum. Blooming size (3 ins. up) 25c. Large (5 ins. up) 40c. Jumbo (7 ins. up) 65c.

Bulbs

Flower bulbs of all kinds are still in very short supply. In spite of optimistic reports ever since V-E day from those close to the Holland bulb industry there is at this date (Sept. 1st) still nothing definite concerning the shipment of tulips, hyacinths, crocus, etc.

We do have small stocks of select narcissi—fat, top-size DN bulbs from the Northwest—and Grape-hyacinths and Star-of-Bethlehem from our own gardens that we can highly recommend you plant now. Next year we will undoubtedly be able to offer a much larger list of bulbs.

DAFFODILS

King Alfred. Universal favorite giant trumpet daffodil. Deepest golden yellow with frilled, recurved trumpet Dozen, \$2.50

Sir Watkin. The all-yellow giant Welsh daffodil, perianth sulphur yellow, cup deeper yellow, flower faces up dozen \$1.95

Mixed Daffodils. A mixture of many kinds and all types of narcissus for mass planting and naturalizing, doz. \$1.50; 100, \$11.00.

GRAPE-HYACINTHS

Muscari armeniacum. This deep cobalt-blue colored grape-hyacinth has long been a specialty at RICHARDS'. It is the largest, huskiest, best colored of all muscari; everyone who sees the quantities of it blooming in our gardens in April goes into raptures over it. It makes autumn growth after the manner of Oriental poppies and should be planted early for best bloom. Large (¾-1 ins.) bulbs that carried 2 to 3 spikes each last Spring in the nursery 75c per dozen, 25 for \$1.25, 100 for \$4.00. Jumbo bulbs (1 inch or larger in diameter) will give 4 to 8 spikes each next Spring. \$1.00 dozen, 25 for \$1.75, 100 for \$6.00.

STAR-OF-BETHLEHEM. Upright-facing clusters of silvery white star shaped flowers on 10-inch stems in May. 75c dozen.

Lilacs

The only satisfactory way to grow lilacs is on their own roots. Beware of cheap lilacs grafted on privet or *S. vulgaris* understocks; they'll bring you nothing but grief. All RICHARDS' LILACS are on own-roots—a slow and costly method of propagation but the only way to get the fine plants you want.

HYBRIDS, AMERICAN AND FRENCH—

Hiawatha. First of a new race of frost-proof lilacs, originating in Canada's northernmost nursery. Blooming season is early June, weeks after ordinary lilacs have finished, which makes them practically immune to our late freezes. The blooms, of waxy texture, come in heavy panicles of pure, deep rose-pink, an entirely new and utterly entrancing color tone in lilacs. Foliage is large, luxuriant and heavily crinkled; the bush itself is non-suckering yet a husky grower. 3-4 ft. \$4.00. 4-5 ft. \$5.00. 5-6 ft. \$6.00.

Charles X. Single ; buds dark red, blooms reddish-purple.

1½-2 ft. \$1.50. 2-3 ft. \$2.25.

Etna. Single; full clusters of deepest claret red. 3-4 ft. 3.75.

Katherine Havemeyer. Double; cobalt-blue flushed mauve. 4-5 ft. \$3.75. 5-6 ft. \$5.00.

Lutece. Single; very late; violet-purple. 3-4 ft. \$3.75.

Ludwig Spaeth. Single; deepest crimson. 4-5 ft. \$3.75.

Mme. Casimir Perier. Double; dwarf; creamy white. 1½-2 ft. \$1.50. 2-3 ft. \$2.25.

Pres. Grevy. Double; very fragrant; nearest to true blue. 3-4 ft. \$3.00. 4-5 ft. \$3.75.

SPECIES LILACS—

Persian Lilac (*S. rothomagensis*). Foliage texture and habit of growth make this variety especially suited to planting on the small place. Does not sucker; mature height only 8 to 10 feet. Its reddish-purple flowers are borne in enormous clusters and in the greatest profusion from the ground up. Ideally suited to specimen planting, massed shrub border planting and for tall, informal hedges.

2-3 ft. \$1.25. 3-4 ft. \$1.75.

Cutleaf Persian Lilac (*S. persica laciniata*). Very rare and interesting variety of the above. More open habit; dainty, palmately-lobed foliage is carried on arching branches. Panicles are long, but not so full, and the color is distinctly blue toned.

2-3 ft. \$3.00. 3-4 ft. \$4.25.

Late Lilac (*S. villosa*) large, tall growing. Crinkled foliage. Blooms vary from pale rose through shell pink to almost white. 2-3 ft. \$1.50. 3-4 ft. \$2.00.

Common Purple Lilac (*S. vulgaris*) 2-3 ft. \$1.00. 3-4 ft. \$1.50. 4-5 ft. \$2.00.

Common White Lilac (*S. vulgaris alba*). 2-3 ft. \$1.00. 3-4 ft. \$1.50.

EVERGREEN TREES AND SHRUBS

Spruce, pine, cedar, juniper species of all kinds do better from autumn planting. Prices for autumn planting are the same as quoted in our Spring list.

In spite of steadily increasing costs our evergreen prices have been held at the low levels of 1943, and, in sharp contrast to any manufactured article, quality standards have been maintained at high pre-war levels.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

Prices quoted herein cancel all previously quoted prices and are net cash with order.

Please do not ask for C. O. D. shipments, which are impossible this year.

We will deliver free anywhere in Fort Collins or immediate vicinity all orders of \$3.00 or more but delivery time will have to be at our convenience. Carrying charges are extra on orders to distant points and will be collected by the transportation company on delivery. We assume no responsibility for safe delivery by common carrier.

Our Guaranty. We unconditionally guarantee every plant we deliver to be of finest quality, true to name and class, sturdy and free from disease; and will replace without charge or refund the amount paid for any plants proving to be otherwise. We shall not, however, at any time be liable for any amount greater than the original purchase price.

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